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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device comprising:

a polymeric film;

an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;

a release liner covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film;

a handle adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner;

said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 1, in which said polymeric film comprises a polyurethane film.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 2, in which said release liner is a silicone coated release liner.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device comprising:

a polymeric film;

an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;

a release liner covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film;

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a handle adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner;

said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin; and wherein the handle has an undersurface that is entirely coated with said pressure sensitive adhesive, at least a portion of said pressure sensitive adhesive contacts said release liner.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 4, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive does not adhere to the liner and does not adhere to skin.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 1, in which said handle is generally U-shaped, having a pair of spaced legs secured along two edges of said polymeric film, and a base joining said legs secured along and extending beyond a third edge of said polymeric film.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 6, in which said U-shaped handle includes a handling tab projecting from said base thereof, away from said polymeric film.

Claims 8-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended): A medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device comprising at least one handle, a layer of thin, polymeric film for adhesion to a patient's skin, and a layer of release liner which underlies and extends beyond at least one edge of said polymeric film;

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said layer of polymeric film having an undersurface which is coated with a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive which adheres firmly to a patient's skin, and adheres releasably to the surface of said release liner;

said handle including an undersurface which is entirely coated with a pressure sensitive adhesive which adheres firmly to the top surface of said polymeric film, but which does not adhere to said release liner or to the human skin;

said handle being secured to the top surface of said polymeric film with a portion of said handle projecting beyond the edge of said polymeric film, out over said release liner, whereby said layer of polymeric film can be removed from said release liner by grasping said extending portion of said handle and peeling said film away from said release liner, and whereby said handle can then be used to handle said polymeric film as it is applied to a patient's skin;

said adhesive on said undersurface of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively with respect to a patient's skin than said adhesive on the undersurface of said handle adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 25, in which said polymeric film comprises a polyurethane film.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 26, in which said release liner is a silicone coated release liner.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 27, in which said adhesive coating said undersurface of said handle is acrylate-based.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device of claim 28, in which said adhesive coating said undersurface of said polymeric film is acrylate-based.

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Claim 30 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 29, in which said handle is generally U-shaped, having a pair of spaced legs secured along two edges of said polymeric film layer, and a base joining said legs secured along and extending beyond a third edge of said polymeric film layer.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 30, in which said U-shaped handle includes a handling tab projecting from said base thereof, away from said polymeric film.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 25, in which said handle is generally U-shaped, having a pair of spaced legs secured along two edges of said polymeric film layer, and a base joining said legs secured along and extending beyond a third edge of said polymeric film layer.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device of claim 32, in which said U-shaped handle includes a handling tab projecting from said base thereof, away from said polymeric film.

Claim 34 (currently amended): A medical adhesive ~~dress~~ing device comprising a release liner and a layer of thin polymeric film having an adhesive coated lower surface adhered to said release liner and an upper surface having a handle attached thereto to facilitate handling thereof, said handle including spaced legs adhered to said polymeric film along opposite edge portions thereof, said handle including a base portion joining said legs and being adhered along an intermediate edge portion of said polymeric film, and wherein overlapping portions of said handle and said release liner projecting beyond an edge of said polymeric film and overlap one another, and including adhesive contacting the overlapping portions.

Claims 35-40 (canceled)

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Claim 41 (currently amended): A medical adhesive ~~dressing~~ device comprising:

- a polymeric film;
- an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;
- a release liner covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film;
- a handle adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner, wherein the handle has an undersurface that is entirely coated with the pressure sensitive adhesive and the pressure sensitive adhesive does not adhere to the liner and does not adhere to a patient's skin;
- said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

Claim 42 (new): A medical adhesive device comprising:

- a polymeric film having a first side, a second side and a first edge;
- a first adhesive coating substantially the entire first side of said polymeric film;
- a release liner covering the first side of said polymeric film and having a portion extending beyond at least the first edge of said polymeric film;
- a handle having a lower side that is substantially entirely coated with a pressure sensitive adhesive, the pressure sensitive adhesive adhering the handle to the second side of the polymeric film, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying a portion of said release liner, wherein the portion of the handle projecting beyond the first edge of said film defines a handle edge, and wherein a portion of the release liner projects beyond the handle edge;
- said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said

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handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

Claim 43 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 42, wherein:
the handle has an enlarged central opening.

Claim 44 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 42, wherein:
the handle comprises a single layer of material.

Claim 45 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 42, wherein:
the handle has a generally quadrilateral perimeter.

Claim 46 (new): A medical adhesive device comprising:
a polymeric film;
an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;
a release liner covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film;
a handle having a lower side, said handle adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive that covers substantially the entire lower side of the handle, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner, wherein substantially all of the pressure sensitive adhesive on the portion of the handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film is exposed to said release liner and unobstructed by a separate release liner;
said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

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Claim 47 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 46, wherein:
the handle has an enlarged central opening.

Claim 48 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 46, wherein:
the handle comprises a single layer of material.

Claim 49 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 46, wherein:
the handle has a generally quadrilateral perimeter.

Claims 50 (new): A medical adhesive device comprising:
a continuous polymeric film that is void of weakened areas, and having substantially uniform strength;
an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;
a release liner covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film;
a handle adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner;
said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin.

Claim 51 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 50, wherein:
the handle has an enlarged central opening.

Claim 52 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 50, wherein:
the handle comprises a single layer of material.

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Claim 53 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 50, wherein:
the handle has a generally quadrilateral perimeter.

Claim 54 (new): A medical adhesive device comprising:

a one-piece polymeric film layer;

an adhesive coated surface comprising a first adhesive coated on a first side of said polymeric film;

a one-piece release liner layer covering the adhesive coated surface of said polymeric film layer and extending beyond at least a first edge of said polymeric film layer;

a one-piece handle layer adhered to a second non-adhesive side of the polymeric film with a pressure sensitive adhesive, with a portion of said handle projecting beyond said first edge of said polymeric film and overlying said release liner, said handle having an enlarged central opening;

said first adhesive on said first side of said polymeric film adhering more aggressively to skin than said pressure sensitive adhesive adheres to said polymeric film, whereby said handle can be removed from said polymeric film once said polymeric film is adhered to a patient's skin, and wherein:

the polymeric film layer, the release liner, and the handle layer comprise the sole non-adhesive components of said medical adhesive device.

Claim 55 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 54, wherein:
the handle has an enlarged central opening.

Claim 56 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 54, wherein:
the handle comprises a single layer of material.

Claim 57 (new): The medical adhesive device of claim 54, wherein:
the handle has a generally quadrilateral perimeter.